Infiltration from Bangladesh

†160. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of infiltration by Bangladeshis into Indian borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that for want of formulation of a concrete policy to drive away Bangladeshi infiltrators, these infiltrators have established their roots in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of reasons for not formulating policy against Bangladeshi infiltrators by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) The Government is aware of illegal immigration/infiltration from Bangladesh into various parts of the country. However, as this activity takes place clandestinely, no specific details are available about the magnitude of this illegal infiltration.

The State Governments/UT Administrations have been empowered under section 3(2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals illegally staying in India. Administrative instructions are issued from time to time requesting the State Government /UT Administrations to detect and deport illegal Bangladeshi migrants staying in the country. Besides, the Government has also taken up various measures to curb illegal influx into the country, which, *inter alia,* includes strengthening of Border Security Force (BSF) and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipments/gadgets: reduction of gaps between border outposts, intensification of patrolling, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing, etc. In addition, thirty two (32) foreigners tribunals under the provisions of Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964 have been constituted in the State of Assam for detection of illegal migrants/foreigners.

Rampage in Jalandhar Central Jail

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SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that hundreds of inmates of the Jalandhar Central Jail went on a rampage, setting on fire the prison and pelting stones on police officials in the month of January this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Governme nt has asked for a detailed report from the State Government in this regard and has given any further directions to prevent such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As reported by the Government of Punjab one of the prisoners had alleged that the jail

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